



# Municipal News

## Town of Smithfield



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2nd Quarter 2005

### PROPOSED WATER / SEWER RATE CHANGES

The Fourth quarter newsletter last year detailed the town's requirement by the Virginia Department of Health to reduce the naturally occurring levels of fluoride in our drinking water. Plans to construct a water treatment plant and other utility system improvements are underway. As a result the Town contracted with Draper Aden Associates to perform a water and sewer rate study in order to determine a rate structure that will support future operations and funding of new or replacement capital. A public presentation was made in January of this year, followed by a public hearing at the March 1st Town Council meeting.

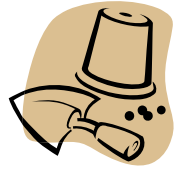
The proposed rate schedule is shown below and is **SUBJECT TO CHANGE** pending further review and discussion by the Smithfield Town Council. It is provided for your information, so you will have advance notification of possible increases to your bi-monthly utility bill that may prompt you to more closely monitor or conserve your usage accordingly. An example is included showing the proposed rate change with a usage of 10,000 gallons.

		<b>Example: 10,000 gallons</b>	
	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	
Water	\$11 for first 5000 gallons	\$2.55/1000 gallons	\$ 11.00 \$ 25.50
	\$1.32/1000 gallons for usage above 5000 gallons	\$19.30 on each water bill to pay debt svc related to the fluoride removal project	\$ 6.60 \$ 19.30
<b>Total Water</b>			<b>\$ 17.60 \$ 44.80</b>
Sewer	\$10 for first 5000 gallons	\$2.90/1000 gallons	\$ 10.00 \$ 29.00
	\$1.20/1000 gallons for usage above 5000 gallons		\$ 6.00
	HRSD charges	HRSD charges	\$ 19.20 \$ 19.20
<b>Total Sewer</b>			<b>\$ 35.20 \$ 48.20</b>
<b>TOTAL COMBINED</b>			<b>\$ 52.80 \$ 93.00</b>

# TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

## NOTICE TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS

### SPRING COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAYS



Now is the perfect time to clean up your house, yard, and garage of all litter, trash and junk! BFI will provide free pick up service for your old furniture, appliances, carpets, **yard debris must be 3" in diameter or less and 4 feet long or less and must be bundled, also leaves or other yard trimmings must be bagged**, etc., free of charge for Town residents between the hours of **7:00 AM and 11:00 AM** on the following Saturdays:

#### Date of Service and Area of Town

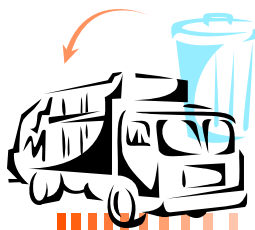
- Saturday, April 23:** All areas north and west of Cypress Creek and the Pagan River (including River Oaks, Pinewood Heights, Goose Hill Creek, Jericho Estates, Cypress Creek, Riverview, Lakeside, Downtown areas, Jersey Park, West Main Street, etc.)
- Saturday, April 30:** All areas on the south side of town including both sides of South Church Street and east of Cypress Creek (including Waterford Oaks, Willow Oaks, Aspen Woods, Scots Landing, Pinehurst, Grimesland, etc.)
- Saturday, May 7:** All areas east and north of South Church Street and both sides of Battery Park Road (includes Rising Star, Moone Plantation, Smithfield Forest, John Rolfe Estates, Croatan Landing, Moonefield, Pagan Point, Red Point Heights, Deer Run, etc.)

Everything to be picked up must be at the street **no later than 6:30 AM**. The trucks won't be able to drive into your yard to pick up heavy items. Nothing will be picked up after 11:00 AM.

***\*\*PLEASE NOTE: BFI WILL NOT PICK UP YARD DEBRIS (larger than 3" in diameter or longer than 4 feet), TREE LIMBS, OR STRUCTURAL DEBRIS SUCH AS USED LUMBER, ROOFING, SIDING, ETC.***

**OTHER ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP: TIRES, PAINTS, BATTERIES, GAS CYLINDERS, OIL, ASBESTOS, ANIMAL CARCASSES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.**

**NOTE:** If you have household hazardous waste you can dispose of it free of charge at the Isle of Wight Transfer Station, 13191 Foursquare Road, Smithfield on the third Friday of each month, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You may recycle used motor oil at this location. They also take paint, pesticides, anti-freeze, fuels, hobby supplies, insecticides, herbicides, paint thinners, solvents, fertilizers, swimming pool chemicals, household batteries and cleaners.



# RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR SMITHFIELD

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**All areas West of Cypress Creek Bridges are picked up on the highlighted Thursdays and all areas East of Cypress Creek Bridges are picked up on the highlighted Fridays.** For more information or to get a blue collection bin delivered to your house please call the Town Clerk's office at 365-4200 or email [stthomas@smithfieldva.gov](mailto:stthomas@smithfieldva.gov). Thank you.

## 2005 BUSINESS LICENSES

**Business Licenses** for existing businesses must be purchased by April 15 in order to avoid penalties and interest. A 10% penalty will be added to those purchased after the due date, and interest at the rate of 10% per annum will be added as of May 1. A copy of the current year's Schedule C is required as backup for reported gross receipts. New businesses may contact the Treasurer's office at any time during the year for purchase of a business license. The first year's license may be based on estimated gross receipts.

## TOWN CODE REVIEW



As many of you know town staff has reviewed the Town Code in its entirety over the past year and is recommending corrections, additions, and revisions to help make the Code easier to understand and enforce. At this time the Town Council is holding public work sessions to discuss the Code revision recommendations with staff. The first meeting was held on February 15th and the second was held on March 8th. There will be more work sessions held to complete this process. Once the Code review is completed, Town Council will hold a Public Hearing to allow residents the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns regarding any revisions recommended by Council.

All resident input will be taken into consideration before a final copy of the Code will be adopted. The Code is also being updated with the current Virginia Code references. If you would like to know the date and time of the next Town Council work session, please call Town Clerk, Sharon Thomas at 365-4200.



## ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT 2004

Each year town staff compiles a report for the Town Council from all the departments to reflect what took place for that particular year. 2004 was an extremely busy one.

Some interesting facts: 1) The Fire Department responded to a total of 574 calls. 2) Water consumption in the month of May 2004 was near 1 million gallons per day. 3) DUI arrests during the year showed an increase of 48%. Response times for the Police Department were an average of 4:13 minutes; Priority Code 3 response times were an average of 2:42 minutes. Priority Code 3 calls are "crime in progress and crimes involving violence to the person". These areas are well under the state average. 4) The Smithfield Center held 312 events which was an increase over 2003's 254 events. 5) Number of residents that spoke at the Council meetings during the public comment portion was eleven (11). 6) Fiscal Year 2004 / 2005 budget adopted in the amount of \$5,388,151.

## ZONING COMPLIANCE

Over-occupancy of dwelling units creates health and safety dangers to home occupants and their neighbors. These dangers include fire hazards, spread of disease to occupants and general populations, an opportunity for domestic violence and abuse, effects to mental health and other adverse impacts on the peace, comfort, and safety of residents. To ensure a good living environment in residential neighborhoods and reduce vehicle congestion, noise, and additional strain on public utilities please contact Ray Ransom, Planning Technician, 365-4200 extension 255 to report violations.

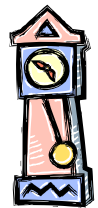
## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Last quarter one of our employee spotlights were on Officer Jim Tragesser., due to the picture not reproducing clearly we decided to reprint his information. Jim has been employed by the town Police Department since August 2004. Jim was born and raised in Tipton, Indiana. He joined the Navy in September 1994 and was transferred to the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) in March 1995. He has lived in the Hampton Roads area since then and has lived in the town since October 2004. Jim began his law enforcement career with the Portsmouth Police Department in July 2002 and graduated the Hampton Roads Regional Academy in October 2002. Currently Jim is not married but has been with his girlfriend Crystal for the last 4 years. My hobbies are “arresting criminals, but since I get paid for that I guess that is not a hobby so my real hobbies are being outdoors and enjoying a variety of outdoor activities,” says Jim.



### SPRING FORWARD WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00 a.m.



ROSENWALD SCHOOL HOUSE  
MUSEUM ARRIVES !!  
516 Main Street, Smithfield



### Relay for Life 2005

**Mark your calendars!**

**April 9th— 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

**Car Wash at Keen's (S. Church Street)**

**Bob with Radio FM 93.7 will be there!**

**May 11th— 6:30 p.m. (Suggested Donation \$15)**

**Dinner and Silent Auction**

**Location: Smithfield Center**

**Door Prizes and More**

**Police Officers and SVFD Members will  
be your waiters**

**June 3rd & 4th—Relay for Life**

**Location: Windsor High School**

**Time to be announced**

**For more information call Lisa or Nita at 357-3247.**





## **Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department News**

### **New Members**

We are always actively recruiting new members. Our call volume continues to increase and the need for volunteers continues. If you are interested in becoming a part of our important community service, please contact Chief Buddy Jones at 357-3231.

### **Fire Prevention and Safety Information**

“Get Alarmed Virginia” is a fire grant program that allows for installation of smoke detectors free of charge to those who need them. Isle of Wight County will be getting 250 smoke detectors for installation in local homes. If you currently do not have a smoke detector, please contact Richard Childress at 365-6308 to be placed on the list.

### **Recent Activities**

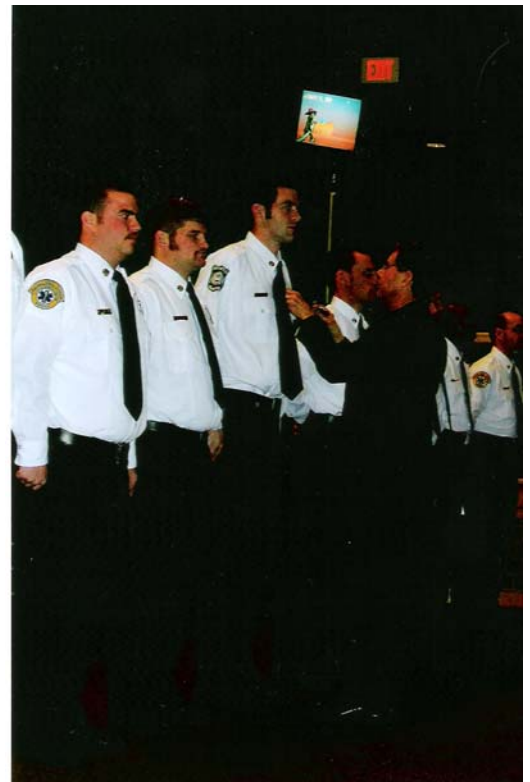
At our annual fire banquet in January, Billy Chrisman was recognized as our Firefighter of the Year for 2004. Jason Edwards was recognized by the Smithfield Chapter of the American Legion as Firefighter of the Year for 2004 as well. Congratulations to both of our members on their recognition for hard work and dedication to the residents of our community!

Jason Edwards, Billy Chrisman, and Nick Savage have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Rounding out our leadership roster is Buddy Jones - Fire Chief, Randolph Barlow – Assistant Chief, Chris Edwards, Jason Stallings, and Jim O'Reilly – Captains, Ryan Brown – Sergeant, and Tom Ivy – Training Officer.

The Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department Responded to 574 calls for help in 2004. Of these, we had 31 structure fires, 17 vehicle fires, and 33 fires of other types. The Department also responded to 213 rescue and or medical calls and reported 59 false alarms for the same period. In addition, there were no fire related fatalities and two fire related injuries of local residents. Two firefighters reported fire related injuries while performing their duties on the fire ground.

### **Fire Department Family Spotlight**

Our spotlight this month shines on Firefighter Cory Little. Cory has been a member of our department for a little over one year. He graduated from Southside Regional Fire Academy as a Firefighter II in January. He is currently enrolled in the Fire Academy to complete his Emergency Medical Technician training. A lifelong Smithfield resident, Cory graduated from the James River Christian Academy. He was previously employed at Smithfield Packing Company as a Security Guard. Cory's hobbies include motorcross and firefighting.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Town of Smithfield Waterworks Has Levels of Fluoride Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system is in violation of a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for fluoride. The average level of fluoride in samples taken during the last year was 4.7 mg/L. The standard for fluoride is that the average of samples taken over the last year may not exceed 4.0 mg/L.

### What should I do?

**Children under the age of nine should use an alternative source of water that is low in fluoride.** In addition, you may want to consult your dentist about whether to avoid dental products containing fluoride. Adults and children over age nine should consult their dentist or doctor and show him/her this notice to determine if an alternate source of water low in fluoride should be used.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Fluoride in small amounts helps prevent tooth decay. However, *some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or greater may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Although it takes many years of exposure to fluoride for bone disease to develop, mottling can occur after a relatively short period of exposure.*

### What happened? What is being done?

Fluoride contamination is rarely due to human activity. Fluoride occurs naturally in some areas and has been found at higher concentrations than allowed in our source water. The water system has entered into a voluntary binding agreement, known as a Consent Order, with the Virginia Department of Health. The Order contains a compliance schedule to resolve the ongoing exceedence of the fluoride MCL standard. We have met all milestones and deadlines established in the Order so far.

For more information, please contact Town Manager Peter M. Stephenson at (757) 365-4200 or, P.O. Box 246, Smithfield, Virginia 23431.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Smithfield  
State Water System ID# 3093640 Date distributed: 3-31-05

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### **Important Dates to Remember**

(All Town meetings are held at 220 North Church Street at the Smithfield Center)

1st Tuesday—Town Council Meeting—7:30 p.m.

2nd Tuesday—Planning Commission—7:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Board of Zoning appeals and 7:30 p.m. Board of Historic & Architectural Review

Last Monday and Tuesday of each Month—Town council Committee Meetings 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 p.m. will be held at the Smithfield Center, Suites C & D. Stay tuned to Smithfield Channel 6 for any meeting changes and for important informational updates. **Also click on the Smithfield Channel 6 link on the town's website: [www.smithfieldva.gov](http://www.smithfieldva.gov) to see more information.**

### **Holidays—Town Offices Closed**

May 30th — Memorial Day



#### **Town Council Members**

James B. Chapman, Mayor  
Daniel L Smith, Vice Mayor  
Kaye H. Brown  
Harry G. Dashiell, Jr.  
Wendy B. Dean  
David M. Hare  
Tom R. Ivy

#### **Planning Commission Members**

Daniel L. Smith, Chairman  
Lee E. Winslett, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Dr. Herb Bevan  
James B. Brown  
Delores Cahoon  
Thomas F. Hearn  
Virginia F. Smith